

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

Claims 1-3 (Canceled).

Claim 4 (Currently Amended): ~~Fixed~~ The fixed homokinetic joint according to claim ~~2~~ 17, wherein the maximal operational incline angle between the inner hub ~~(2)~~ and the outer hub ~~(3)~~ ~~amounts to~~ is approximately 10° and the maximal installation incline angle is greater than 10° .

Claims 5-8 (Canceled).

Claim 9 (Currently Amended): ~~Homokinetic~~ The fixed ~~homokinetic~~ joint according to claim ~~1~~ 17, wherein the radially outer edge ~~(11b, 16b)~~ of the ~~set of~~ bellows ~~(11, 16)~~ is crimped and/or clamped into a cap ~~(13, 13')~~ that surrounds the outer hub ~~(3)~~ and/or the carrier housing ~~(9, 9')~~, at least in certain regions.

Claim 10 (Currently Amended): ~~Homokinetic~~ The fixed
homokinetic joint according to claim 9, wherein the cap ~~(13, 13')~~
has an approximately cylindrical section ~~(13a, 13a')~~ that extends
away from the outer hub ~~(3)~~, ~~which~~ and extends in ~~the~~ an axial
direction of the inner hub ~~(2, 2')~~ up to the vicinity of the
region in which the radially inner edge ~~(11a, 16a)~~ of the ~~set of~~
bellows ~~(11, 16)~~ is fixed ~~in place on~~ to the inner hub ~~(2, 2')~~.

Claim 11 (Currently Amended): ~~Homokinetic~~ The fixed
homokinetic joint according to claim ~~±~~ 17, wherein the radially
inner edge ~~(11a, 16a)~~ of the ~~set of~~ bellows ~~(11, 16)~~ is fixed in
place on the inner hub ~~(2, 2')~~ during operation by ~~means of~~ a
strap, a tie ~~(12)~~, and/or a spring ring, ~~in a fixed location~~
~~during operation~~.

Claim 12 (Currently Amended): ~~Homokinetic~~ The fixed
homokinetic joint according to claim ~~±~~ 17, wherein a sheet-metal
ring is vulcanized into the radially inner edge ~~(11a, 16a)~~ of the
~~set of~~ bellows ~~(11, 16)~~, and ~~that~~ wherein the radially inner edge
~~(11a, 16a)~~ of the ~~set of~~ bellows ~~(11, 16)~~ is drawn onto the inner
hub ~~(2, 2')~~ with a press fit.

Claim 13 (Currently Amended): ~~Homokinetic~~ The fixed
homokinetic joint according to claim ~~±~~ 17, wherein the ~~set of~~

bellows ~~(11, 16)~~ ~~consists~~ is made of rubber or a ~~rubber-like~~
rubber-type plastic, ~~having~~ with a hardness of approximately 70
Shore.

Claim 14 (Currently Amended): ~~Homokinetic~~ The fixed
homokinetic joint according to claim ~~±~~ 17, further comprising a
side facing away from the bellows and wherein a closure ~~lid (10)~~
is cover provided on the side that faces away from the ~~set of~~
bellows ~~(11, 16)~~.

Claim 15 (Currently Amended): ~~Homokinetic~~ The fixed
homokinetic joint according to claim 14, wherein the closure ~~lid~~
~~(10)~~ cover is pressed into the carrier housing ~~(9, 9')~~, forming
to form a seal.

Claim 16 (Currently Amended): ~~Homokinetic~~ The fixed
homokinetic joint according to claim ~~±~~ 17, wherein the ~~set of~~
bellows ~~(11, 16)~~ is disposed on a transmission or differential
side of the joint, and the outer hub ~~(3)~~ and/or the carrier
housing ~~(9, 9')~~ are connected with a shaft.

Claim 17 (New): A fixed homokinetic joint comprising:

- (a) an inner hub;
- (b) an outer hub;

(c) a carrier housing surrounding the outer hub;

(d) a plurality of tracks associated together in pairs provided in each of said inner hub and said outer hub;

(e) a plurality of balls received in said tracks;

(f) a cage guiding said balls to transfer a torque between said inner hub and said outer hub; and

(g) a sealing arrangement comprising a bellows having a plurality of folds, a radially outer edge and a radially inner edge, said outer edge being coupled to the carrier housing and the inner edge being coupled to the inner hub with the crests of the folds which are located in a section between the outer edge and the inner edge running essentially in one plane located approximately perpendicular to an axis of an inner hub.

Claim 18 (New): A sealed joint assembly for use in a driveshaft of a motor vehicle, comprising:

(a) a constant velocity joint with an outer joint part having outer ball tracks, an inner joint part having inner ball tracks, torque transmitting balls which are guided in pairs of tracks each consisting of an outer ball track and an inner ball track, and a cage with cage windows in which the balls are received and held in a common plane;

(b) a sleeve which is firmly connected to the inner joint part and is coaxially arranged thereto; and

(c) a sealing mechanism comprising an annular cap fixed to the outer joint part, a sealing diaphragm which, by an outer edge, is firmly connected to the sleeve, and a securing ring for fixing the inner collar on the sleeve;

wherein the sleeve comprises a continuous annular groove which is engaged by the sealing diaphragm by an inner annular bead formed on the inner collar.

Claim 19 (New): The joint assembly according to claim 18, wherein the securing ring comprises a continuously closed wire ring which is positioned on an outer face of the inner collar.

Claim 20 (New): The joint assembly according to claim 18, wherein the annular cap comprises a continuous, inwardly opening crimping which is form-fittingly engaged by the outer collar of the sealing diaphragm.

Claim 21 (New): The joint assembly according to claim 18, wherein the sleeve and the inner joint part are produced so as to form a unitary piece.

Claim 22 (New): The joint assembly according to claim 18, wherein the sealing diaphragm comprises an undulating shape between the inner collar and the outer collar.